



MAJOR ELECTRICITY USERS' GROUP

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Jenny Walton
Electricity Commission
By email to info@electricitycommission.govt.nz

Dear Jenny

Submission on Transpower Interim Grid Expenditure proposal regarding Otahuhu substation

1. This is a submission by the Major Electricity Users' Group (MEUG) on the Electricity Commission (the "Commission") consultation paper, *Assessment of Transpower's application for interim grid expenditure dated 11 August 2006*. The Commission paper is dated 24 August and was published on the Commission web site shortly afterwards.
2. MEUG commissioned Strata Energy Consulting (Strata) and the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) to undertake an independent report on the Commission consultation paper. Attached to this submission is the report of Strata and NZIER dated 19 September 2006.
3. MEUG members were consulted on a draft of the Strata/NZIER report. MEUG agree with the analysis, conclusions and recommendations in the Strata/NZIER report.

Yours sincerely

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